

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Swimming, boating, fishing, and other water recreational activities are treasured

past times in the "Land of 10,000 Lakes;" and

WHEREAS: Swimming and other water recreational activities activities can play an

important role in sustaining physical and mental health and enhancing quality of

life; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 34 Minnesotans drown each year, with young children and those

over the age of 85 experiecing the highest rates; and

WHEREAS: Water safety education is essential for preventing drowning and water-related

injuries; and

WHEREAS: Commonsense safety practices, such as the use of life jackets, fencing around

pools, and the supervision of children, are critical to ensuring a safe, enjoyable

experience for everyone, and

WHEREAS: It is essential that all Minnesotans practice sound water safety practices

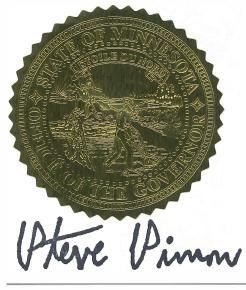
regardless of whether they are owners of private pools, users of public swimming

facilities, or spending time at a lake or river.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018, as:

MINNNESOTA WATER SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 24th day of April.

GOVERNOR